

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

B-2903 (44)
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Govans Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

5824 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

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DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ DETERIORATED☐ GOOD☐ RUINS☐ FAIR☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original Govans Presbyterian Church building, designed by Robert Cary Long, Jr., is of the English Gothic Revival Church style. The stone church is cruciform in plan with porches extending from the facade and each of the transepts. The buttressed tower, in the stages, is designed in the Romanesque style.

The original sanctuary forms the present nave, and the first pulpit stood approximately at the center of the crossing of the present transepts and nave. A steeple rose above the center door, which still serves at the east end of the center aisle. In 1905-06 the Turnbull family initiated and financed the two transepts, the chancel and the imposing tower, with the clock and peal of bells. In the same years the steeple was removed. In 1950 the chancel was rebuilt to its present size. The adjoining parish building, in the English Gothic Revival style, began with the chapel in 1876. This was doubled in 1912.

Govans Presbyterian Church is located on a busy commercial corridor, York Road, but is buffered from the noisy street by its surrounding acreage.

SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1844-1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Robert Cary Long, Jr.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Govans Presbyterian congregation, the first congregation in the Govans area, was organized in 1840. In 1845 a charter was granted to "The Govanstown Presbyterian Congregation in the County of Baltimore" by the State of Maryland.

Robert Cary Long, Jr., a noteworthy Baltimore architect of the nineteenth century, planned and supervised the construction of the **original church building during 1844-45**. It was then called "Union Chapel" and all denominations of the Govans area used it as their place of worship for a short while. The style of this building was part of the growing popularity of the English Gothic Revival Church style in America in the 1840's.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

Bill Tamburrino, Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Historic and Architectural Pres. 1977

STREET & NUMBER

100 N. Holliday Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

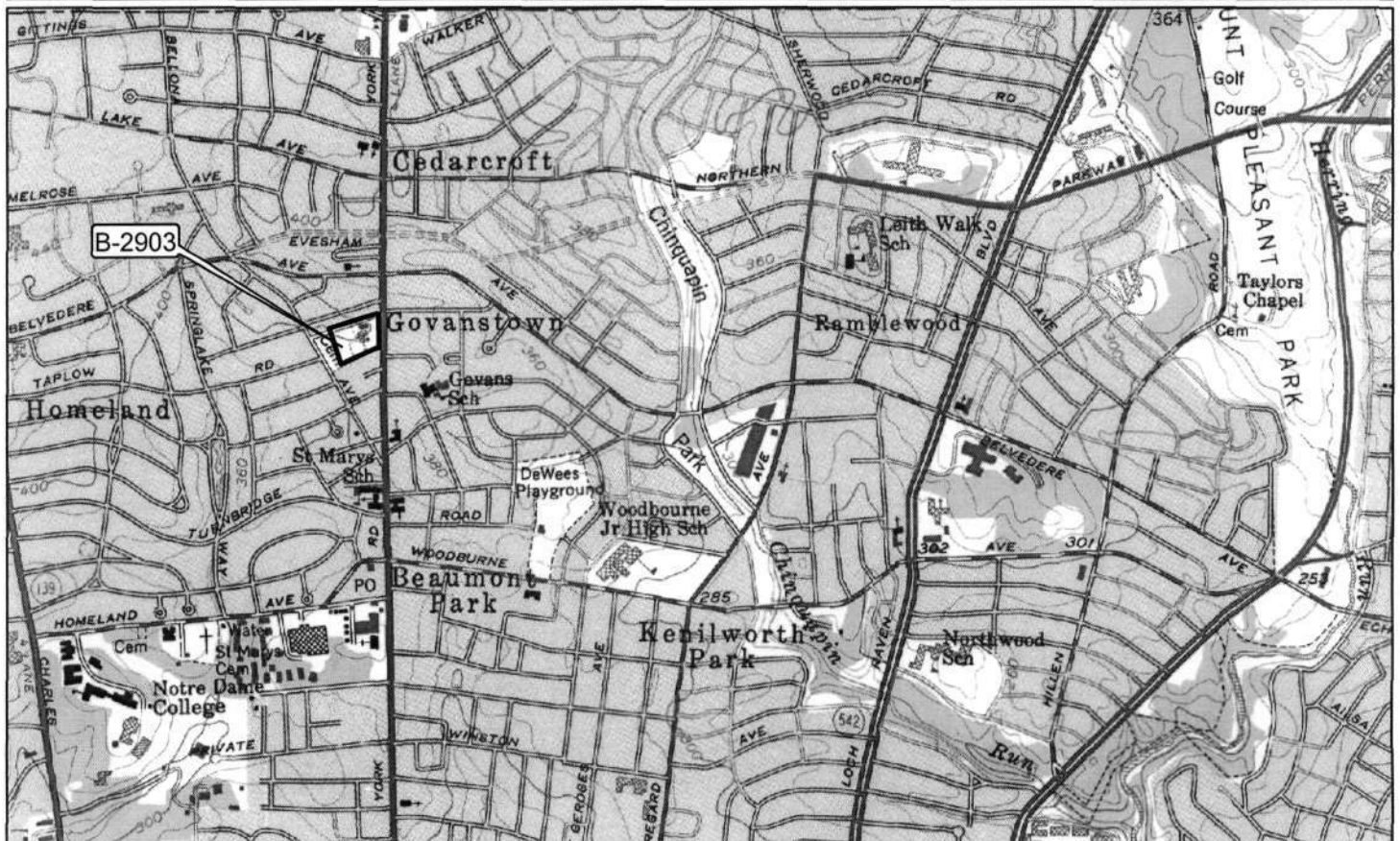
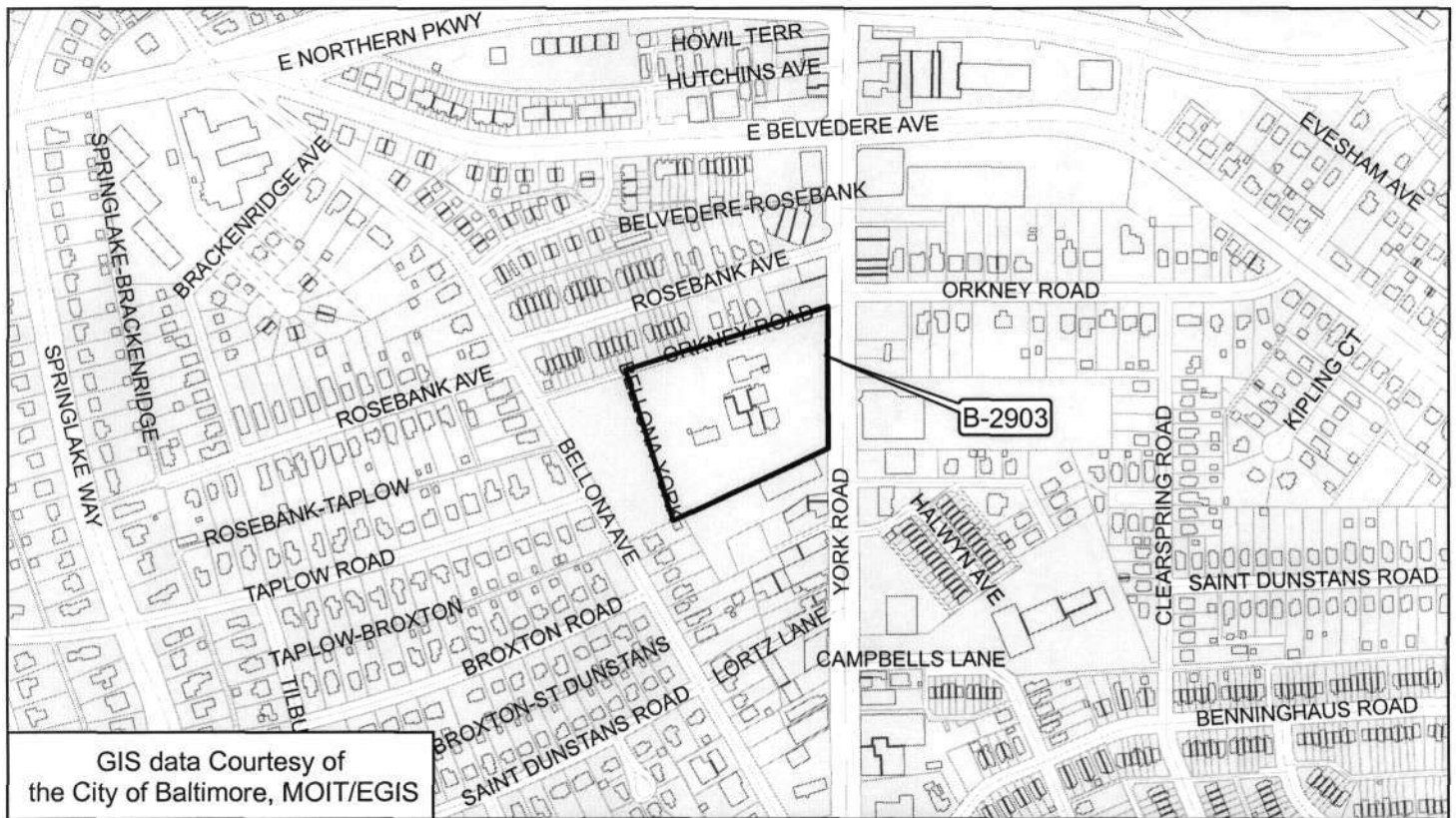
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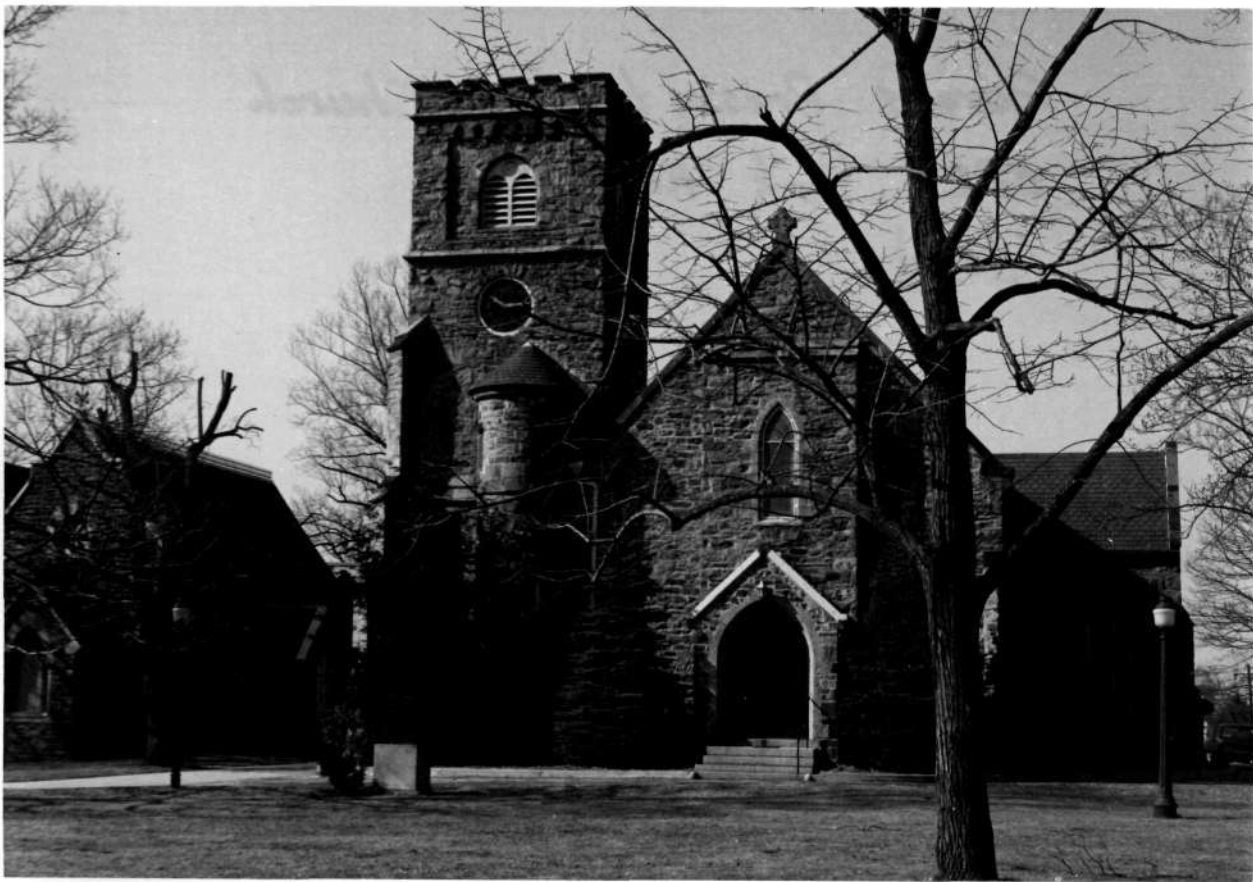
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Baltimore East Quad.





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